

feudatories, there were two other elements that needed delicate handling, The maritime city-states of Amalfi and GaSta were only too likely to set up dukes and consuls of their own again. The Lombard people was not yet without hope; everywhere in the Campania there still survived many petty lords, relatives of the greater dispossessed princes, and claimants to their places, The three ancient Lombard duchies had gone; but who could say that the Catapan would not return, that the western sea-towns would not recover their autonomy, that Southern Italy under the Normans would not revert to a disintegration more complete than that which preceded the conquest?

tinder the second Duke of Apulia these dangers seemed very near. While, within the duchy, endless confusion reigned, the frontiers themselves shrank; here the astute Roger of Sicily had to be rewarded; there the border lordships claimed independence. Roger, himself half a Lombard, was unwise enough to confide too deeply in the conquered race, and a partial Lombard-Italian resurgence took place. Amalfi for a time had its own duke again, just as in the north

Gaeta restored
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Capua,

The reign of Roger Borsa lasted
twenty-six
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succession
was to reward his uncle Roger of
Sicily, who
supported, him as consistently as he
had supported
his father but not without interested
motives, by